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Using the Talents of ALL Our People

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October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month. Employment of people with disabilities is an extremely important issue for the Forest Service and for the Nation. Of the Northern Region's 3,593 employees, 11 percent have disabilities. Of this country's 248 million people, 17 percent have some disability. Of that 17 percent:

22 million people have hearing impairments, 2 million of whom are deaf
120,000 people are totally blind; 60,000 are legally blind
2 million people have epilepsy
1.2 million people are partially or completely paralyzed
1 million people use wheelchairs
9.2 million people have developmental disabilities such as cerebral palsy and mental retardation
2.1 million people have speech impairments
Between 2 & 2.5 million people have some degree of mental retardation
5 million people have some form of mental illness

There are misconceptions about those with disabilities that must be overcome. It is important for us as an agency and as individuals to take advantage of every opportunity to increase our knowledge about disability issues and to enhance our interaction skills and expand our comfort zones with those with disabilities. Some thoughts for you to consider:

Choosing Words with Dignity - People with disabilities, like other minority groups, are actively seeking full civil rights. They want to be accepted in their workplaces and communities as equals. What you write and what you say can enhance the dignity of people with disabilities and can promote positive attitudes about their abilities. Let your descriptive words emphasize the person's worth and abilities, not the disabling condition. The phrase "people with disabilities" is preferred

over "the disabled" which tends to emphasize disability and to create the image of an unusual and homogeneous group. Some others are:

Preferred

person who is blind or visually impaired
person who is deaf or hearing impaired
person who has multiple sclerosis
person who has muscular dystrophy
person with mental retardation
person with epilepsy or a seizure disorder
Person who uses a wheelchair
unable to speak; non-verbal
seizure
successful; productive

Not Use
the blind
suffers a hearing loss
afflicted by MS
stricken by MD
retarded; mentally defective
epileptic
confined to wheelchair
dumb; mute
fit
courageous (implies the person is a hero or martyr)

Cost of Accommodation - According to recent statistics, 31% of accommodation cost the employer nothing; 50% cost less than \$50; 69% less than \$500; 88% less than \$1,000.

Barriers - The most frequently indicated barrier for individuals with disabilities is attitude. Our attitudes, assumptions, stereotypes about individuals with disabilities become limiting factors for them as well as for us. Individuals with disabilities are not looking for sympathy or pity but rather understanding, opportunity and acceptance of the abilities they possess and the contribution they can make.

No nation, no matter how wealthy, has ever been able to afford the waste of human talent and potential. If the United States is to remain strong and prosperous in the increasingly technological, increasingly competitive global marketplace—then we must employ the creativity, energy, and skills of all of our citizens, including the millions of Americans with disabilities who are both eager and able to work.

Hispanic Heritage Month

For 500 years, Hispanic culture has been a major influence in the New World. In that September 15-October 15 is National Hispanic Heritage Month, it is appropriate that we take the time to recognize the role Hispanics play in our population.

According to educator Humberto Rasi, about 60 percent of Hispanics (12 million) in the United States are of Mexican descent and live in the Southwest and the West. Los Angeles is the city with the fourth largest Mexican population in the world. Fifteen percent

of Hispanics are of Puerto Rican origin and live mostly in the northeastern United States. The third largest group, Cuban Americans, form the most affluent of Hispanics in America. The heritage of the remaining four million Hispanics is derived from Central America, South America, and Spain.

Hispanics present a rich and varied culture in our Nation, a diversity that will continue to be a positive factor in American society.



Quick Response Unit Recognized for Public Service

by Kathy Thompson, Public Affairs Information Assistant
Clearwater National Forest

A few days ago a few special people received a very special award: the Forest Service Regional Forester's Award for distinguished service. Honored was the "Quick Response Unit," or QRU, of the Powell Ranger District, Clearwater National Forest.

The Powell district is remote—60 miles west of Missoula, Montana, and 120 miles east of Orofino, Idaho. The area



Powell District Ranger Margaret Gorski with award given to QRU

covered by the QRU consists of 126,000 acres and 60 miles of U.S. Highway 12, a twisting river road that has one of the highest accident rates in Idaho. To do their work, QRU members rely on a four-wheel drive vehicle and an ambulance.

One example of the QRU's dedication and sacrifice stands out as a tribute to the members' lifesaving work. In January 1992 a young woman traveling east on U.S. Highway 12 decided to pass a truck/trailer. She collided head-on with another truck. The force of the collision caused the truck to push the car into the icy Lochsa River. The front of the truck was on top of the front of the car, crushing the woman's legs and stopping just inches away from her body.

Along with State and county response units plus a QRU from the community of Lowell, the Powell QRU helped stabilize the accident victim. They helped extricate her from the car before advanced medical teams arrived. Workers spent a painfully slow four hours in snow and icy water before they reached success—a victim freed from entrapment, alive. She not only survived; she recovered.

Powell QRU members are volunteers. At a minimum, they are emergency medical technicians (EMT's) and they train for over 120 hours to earn that level of competence. They train on their own time, at their own initiative. They share the responsibility of being on call 24 hours a day. And they raise the money needed to finance the QRU.

Members of the Powell QRU are Forest Service employ-

ees Kris Anderson, Stewart Hoyt, Allen Jones, Mary Kelley, Pat McKinnon, Wes Paulson, Rich Prittie, Kim Ragotzkie and Brett Witte; Idaho Fish & Game employee Dane Cook; and Idaho State Highway Department employee Ron Frame. Two dispatchers for the QRU, also receiving awards, are Forest Service employees Susan Lamberson and Janet Oestreich.

Win Green, supervisor of the Clearwater National Forest, and Bert Kulesza, deputy forest supervisor, presented the awards. From District Ranger Margaret Gorski, each QRU member received a plaque and a jacket with the words "Clearwater National Forest Distinguished Service Award" on the front and "Powell Quick Response Unit" on the back.

The September 28 awards ceremony was celebrated with a potluck at the Ranger District, sunshine and blue skies adding to the special occasion.

Clearwater Trail Project a Success!

by Duane Annis, Resource Management
North Fork Ranger District
Clearwater National Forest

Three hundred hours of labor and thirty-six hours of equipment time were recently donated to complete work on twelve miles of trails which access Fish Lake and Scurvy Mountain Lookout in the Clearwater National Forest. The two reconstructed trails follow old roads which had been closed to travel by conventional vehicles a number of years ago; they've since become popular travel routes for motor bikes and ATVs.

Water diversion barriers and ditches failed to control erosion adequately in recent years as use of the trails increased. The Forest Service recognized the need to repair and improve drainage structures to protect water quality and the trail surface if continued use was to be permitted.

Local residents and members of the Clearwater Resource Coalition (CRC), a group of local businessmen and timber industry employees in the Clearwater Valley, offered volunteer assistance and equipment to repair the trails. During the week of August 10, over 30 persons and 3 pieces of equipment were provided to do the work, with an estimated value of over \$5,000. In return agency personnel provided meals over the weekend and worked alongside the volunteers.

District Ranger Art Bourassa extended his thanks to the group, who he said enjoyed the camaraderie of working together and completing improvements that everyone could see were needed. Bourassa added that the group finished with the attitude of "Let's come back next year. See you on the trail, folks!"

North Dakota State Forester Receives Governor's Award

by Glenn Roloff, CFM Specialist
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Regional Office

On September 23 at a ceremony on the capitol grounds, North Dakota State Forester Larry Kotchman was presented with the prestigious Governor's Award For Excellence. This award is given by the Governor quarterly to recognize State employees for their outstanding public service.



State Forester Larry Kotchman receives award from North Dakota Governor George Sinner. At R - Larry Kotchman's wife Alice.

During the past six years Kotchman has served as the State Forester, the increased effectiveness and visibility of the North Dakota Forest Service has risen dramatically at the State and national level due to his leadership, management skills and forestry expertise.

Among Kotchman's achievements: directing a State-wide planning effort the State's forest resources and the North Dakota Forest Resource Plan; initiating efforts to mitigate the impact of Dutch elm disease along the Red River; initiating a program for distributing over 50,000 seedlings annually to K-4 children for Arbor Day, and improving relations with other government agencies.

Kotchman was the first state forester in the nation to adopt a Total Quality Improvement management style. Forest Service employee morale has been greatly boosted through his leadership techniques, such as open forums during staff meetings, increased opportunities for employee input into policies and equity adjustments for employee pay grades.

Chief's Award Goes to Kelly Keim and Team

by Mike Beckes, Regional Archaeologist
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ach year the Forest Service Chief presents a Windows on the Past Award to an individual or project in each Region in recognition of efforts toward preserving, protecting, interpreting, and providing for public access to heritage resources on National Forest lands. This year the award in Region 1 went to Kelly Keim, Judith Ranger District archaeologist, and the district staff and volunteers for their participation in the restoration of the 1908 Judith Guard Station.

The project involved the support of many local people and businesses and has emerged as a source of pride for this largely rural community. Future uses for the station include visitor services and exhibits on Forest Service administrative and conservation history.

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of many partners, the Judith Guard Station has a new lease on life and has opened a new window on the past in western Montana.

Western Larch Research Honored

by Bob Naumann, assistant director, silviculture
Timber, Cooperative Forestry & Pest Management,
Regional Office

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Danny On was given a posthumous award October 6 at the Western Larch Symposium, sponsored by forest scientists and managers. On was recognized for his pioneering the application of knowledge about western larch forests.

Also honored was Arthur Roe, retired , Intermountain Station (INT) for developing the first formal research program for western larch forests; Wyman Schmidt, project leader for INT in Bozeman for leadership in research on western larch stand management; Raymond Shearer, research scientist with Missoula INT for leadership in research on regeneration of western larch forests, Peter Stickney, retired research scientist , Missoula INT, for providing an understanding of early successional development in western larch forests, George Wilson, district silviculturist, Glacier View Ranger District, Flathead National Forest, for the innovative application of knowledge in the management of western larch forests



Bob Burns, cousin of Norman Maclean, is shown at the ridgetop the smokejumpers were trying to reach during the Mann Gulch fire. Two made it to the top, where the fire had slowed; 13 others perished.

Young Men and Fire

a new book by Norman Maclean

by Tim Eldridge, Information Assistant
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Norman Maclean was a man of many talents—flyfisherman, college professor, author, firefighter, husband, father, and a full time student of life and its many lessons. Maclean is best known for his first novella, "A River Runs Through It and Other Stories," which focuses on the early stages of his life. It is the work of a master storyteller, fly-fishing and exploring life through the universe of western Montana. In this book we learn that Maclean is an ardent observer of humans and nature. Maclean implies that nature is the perfect state of grace. Humans, on the other hand, require a certain amount of work and dedication to reach any similar state and, in doing so, become unconscious artists in life. The book is a modern classic.

Norman Maclean died in 1990 at the age of 87. The last years of his life were spent writing and living his latest book (unfinished at his death), "Young Men and Fire." The book has received glowing reviews from the New York Times and the Chicago Tribune and was ranked #6 on the New York Times best seller list.

"Young Men and Fire" is a tribute to 13 young men who died at Mann Gulch in the Montana mountains on an extremely hot August afternoon in 1949. These men were smokejumpers and considered to be the best firefighters the Forest Service had to

offer. News of their deaths sent shock waves throughout the country. Norman Maclean was among those who felt their deaths deeply. He had the highest regard for the smokejumpers. He too had worked for the Forest Service—it was during World War I and as a firefighter. He too had narrowly escaped death on a wildfire.

But "Young Men and Fire" is not just about how 13 young men died. It is also a reflection of the latter stages of Maclean's life and how he dealt with his own impending mortality.

The book is not without some criticism from locals. Perhaps its toughest critics, the Missoula smokejumpers, seem to be split on their opinion. Anita Navon, sister of David Navon, one of the victims of the Mann Gulch fire, didn't like how her brother was portrayed but still liked the book as a whole. Skip Stratton, a Forest Service retiree, was a squad leader at the Missoula base at the time of the tragedy and was in charge of rescuing the victims. Stratton felt that the book was not complete. Starr Jenkins, another 1949 smokejumper, felt that the book left out too much background on the victims and their relatives.

Laird Robinson, Public Affairs specialist for Region

1, has a unique vantage point in his comments on the book. He was Maclean's research assistant and perhaps put as much blood and sweat into the project as the author himself. Says Robinson, "The book is more than a story about the Mann Gulch fire. It is a mystery, a novel, a biography." He went on to add that while the book tells of the tragic deaths of young men, it is also "the autobiography of Norman Maclean preparing for death. It's a tribute from Norman Maclean to all those people who have been smokejumpers. But it's far more than a story about smokejumpers."



Cross marking the location near the ridgetop where the body of Henry Thol Jr. was found.

What's Eating Our Forests?

by Tim McConnell, Aerial Survey Program Coordinator
Timber, Cooperative Forestry & Pest Management
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More commonly referred to as the "bug survey", Forest Pest Management personnel map from the air more than just insect outbreaks. After World War II and the advent of increased aviation in the private sector, aircraft were used to provide a way to pioneer remote sensing in the form of aerial sketchmapping. At that time large insect outbreaks of western spruce budworm and mountain pine beetle were of primary interest.

Today, the survey also includes diseases and climatic effects as well as insects. Even with the advent of aerial photography and satellite imagery, the aerial survey is still a relatively quick, efficient, and economical method to gather information.

The survey is conducted annually during the summer months when sun angle and peak fading of foliage occurs. More than 400 hours are flown to cover forest lands managed by the Forest Service, BLM, Indian reservations, State and private within the Region. Generally, wilderness and national parks are not flown unless a special need occurs.

The aerial survey is a cooperative project with the states of Montana and Idaho. Idaho Department of Lands surveys primarily the non-National Forest areas of northern Idaho and Forest Pest Management surveys the remainder. It is also a cooperative project with the Region's Aviation and Fire Management and on a daily basis with each Forest's Fire Dispatch who provide safe, positive flight following.

Findings Summary for 1992

Douglas-fir beetle

Increased mortality of Douglas-fir on the Helena National Forest near Lincoln due to previous winter damage. This beetle also caused increased mortality on the Selway Ranger District after fires in the area.

fir engraver

Grand fir mortality continues to be high in Idaho due to cumulative effects of root disease, drought and this bark beetle.

mountain pine beetle

The mortality trend is down in lodgepole pine, but stable in western white pine.

western balsam bark beetle

Subalpine fir mortality continues to increase due to a combination of drought, root disease and increasing populations of this bark beetle.

western spruce budworm

Defoliated acres are relative fewer over the Region compared to the past few years, but damage continues to be high on the Nez Perce, Helena, and the Lewis and Clark National Forests.

Diplodia blight

This fungus disease causes die back in ponderosa pine and was very visible in stands in northern Idaho and western Montana.

needle cast

This needle cast was very showy this spring in lodgepole pine stands throughout much of the forests along the northern Idaho-Montana state boundary, although it results in little lasting effect.

white pine blister rust

This chronic disease continues to be the most severe cause of western white pine mortality in Idaho and neighboring parts of Montana.

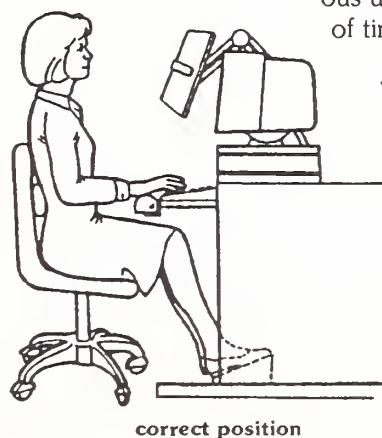
root diseases

These chronic diseases are the primary cause of mortality of Douglas-fir, grand fir and subalpine fir throughout northern Idaho, western Montana and a few areas east of the Rockies.

Tips to *LIVE By*

Carpal Tunnel Syndrome

Video display terminal operators are subject to a potential risk of developing various musculoskeletal and nerve disorders such as cumulative trauma disorders (CTD). CTD is defined as the wear and tear on tendons, muscles and sensitive nerve tissue caused by continuous use over an extended period of time.



correct position

A form of CTD is Carpal Tunnel Syndrome caused by repetitive wrist-hand movement and exertion. When irritated, the tendons and their sheaths housed inside the narrow carpal tunnel leading from the wrist into the hand swell and press against the nearby median nerve. The pressure causes tingling, numbness, or severe

pain in the wrist and hand.

Carpal Tunnel Syndrome can be an extremely painful disorder. Some people have been helped by wrist bands, while others have had to resort to surgery. The best remedy is preventive—KNOW what can cause or aggravate the syndrome and take action.

Some tips on how to avoid Carpal Tunnel Syndrome:

Sit upright at the keyboard

Keep wrists STRAIGHT when using computer keyboard

Use padded wrist rest to keep wrists straight

Type as lightly as you can with wrist in neutral position

At keyboard, elbows should be bent at 90 degrees

Alternate work activities throughout the day

Take 10-15 minute breaks from keyboard every 2 hours

Good Fellowship Offered at Retirees' Meeting

by Margaret Philips

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he Missoula Chapter of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) has a luncheon meeting on the third Tuesday of every month (September through May) at 1:00 p.m. at the Sizzler, 3611 Brooks Street.

These meetings are held to protect and promote the vital interests of all Federal retirees and afford the opportunity of fellowship and the enjoyment of scheduled interesting and informative programs. Please join us. Reservations are not required.

Survivor in the Wilderness

Historic telephone system still in use in Bob Marshall Wilderness

The ravages of time and the development of new technology have all but erased a chapter of our Forest Service heritage. The single grounded line magneto telephone system that served as the communication network in Region 1 and other Regions in the nation has all but disappeared.

The communication system consisted of a single wire (#9) telephone system that used the earth as a ground, hence the name "grounded return line" usually shortened to "grounded line." The single line telephone system was superior for use in the backcountry. Recalled Theodore "Toad" Paulin, long time packer

by Gary McLean, Archaeologist
Flathead National Forest

news, gossip, personal situations, recipes, and other daily activities. In a real sense the phone lines connected the isolated lookouts and guard stations with the outside world.

It is clear the #9 grounded line magneto phone system that once stretched for thousands of miles in the back country of the national forests is for the most part lost. There are a couple of short lines still in use around the country (e.g. Moose Creek Ranger District, Nez Perce National Forest), but the 50 mile system in the Bob Marshall along the South Fork of the Flathead River is by far the most extensive. It remains today a reliable form of communication interconnecting the Black Bear, Salmon Forks, Holbrook, Big Prairie, Basin, and Danaher Guard Stations.

The Flathead National Forest is seeking a determination of eligibility of this "one of kind" cultural resource for listing on the National Register of Historic Places and perhaps designation as a National Historic Landmark. According to Marcella Sherfy, Montana's State Historic Preservation Officer, "This extraordinary resource should be preserved for future generations as a visible, tangible reminder of a part of our Forest Service heritage."



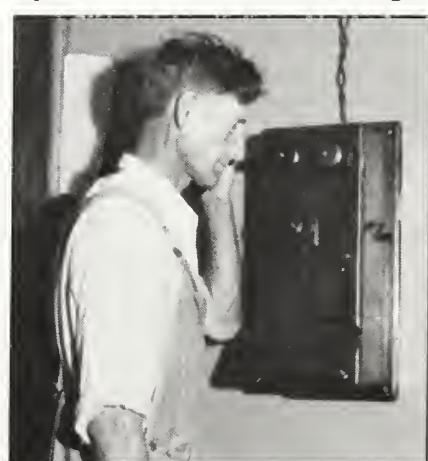
This pack string, taking a break in a side drainage of the South Fork of the Flathead River, is carrying about a half-mile of wire to a construction crew stringing telephone wire for the Spotted Bear District in 1922. Although the overall weight of the wire is 300 pounds per horse, a few pounds over the recommended pack weight for horses, the wire rolls, secured with special rigging, were more compact and had a lower center of gravity than conventional packs.

After the disastrous fires of 1910 in Montana and Idaho, Region 1 realized that to prevent such occurrences in the future they needed to improve their method of detecting and suppressing forest fires in the remote inaccessible forest lands. They developed an impressive system that involved building thousands of miles of trails, constructing an extensive system of fire lookouts, creating the Ninemile Remount Depot, and establishing a line of communication between the remote lookouts and dispatch centers.

in the Bob Marshall Wilderness, "The lines could have windfall on them or be under 14 inches of snow, and you could still talk."

In remote areas where there were farms or ranches, it was a common practice to hook local residences into the system. Local farmers and rangers, although they were not Forest Service "employees," would contact the forest in the event they spotted a fire, and would often help in the suppression of the fires.

In its heyday during the evenings when there was no fire activity, the lines hummed with conversations about the



The #9 telephone system uses a telephone similar to the one pictured.



Pack string crossing White River carrying restoration materials



Max Lauder dressing rafter tip with primitive tools



L to R - Cary King, Dale Swee, Bill Harris



Front view of bunkhouse with new roof

BIG PRAIRIE Just Like the Olden Days

by Jody Sutton, Information Assistant
Flathead National Forest

Few who visit the Bob Marshall Wilderness emerge unaffected by the area's splendor. Deep within the rugged mountain terrain, lies a valley of wondrous beauty, a meadow that defies the passage of time. The valley is known as Big Prairie and it is truly one of Montana's "last, best places." Big Prairie has become a crossroads for a wide variety of recreationists and, of course, the managers and caretakers of this pristine ecosystem, the Forest Service.

The Big Prairie station was first developed in 1904 for the summer administration of a remote area that was known, at that time, as the Flathead Forest Reserve. In 1909, it became the headquarters for the Big Prairie Ranger District.

It is estimated that by the year 1933 the ranger station had grown to a complex of 10 log buildings. Today, it appears much as it did sixty years ago. The function also remains the same, serving the Forest Service employees who go into the area in the spring to help manage what is now part of the Spotted Bear Ranger District. The trick, of course, is not to get snowed in!

All the older buildings in the complex are of historical significance. Two were identified in dire need of immediate attention—the bunkhouse, which was attended to this last summer, and the old packer dwelling, built in 1908. Both buildings had lost historic integrity and fabric due to inadequate and improper maintenance.

It was important the two buildings receive work because they are to remain in use. It is mandated in the Facility Master Plan that they continue to be utilized as a bunkhouse and single family dwelling respectively. The packer dwelling project has been proposed to the Regional Historic Building Preservation Committee for work in FY 94.

This past summer, thanks to funds from America's Great Outdoors program, the Regional Historic Preserva-

tion Crew was instrumental in restoring the bunkhouse. Project crew leader Bernie Weisgerber, along with Max Lauder, facilities engineer for the Flathead Forest, put together a diverse group of folks that included volunteers from the private sector, members of the Idaho Backcountry Horsemen, Flathead National Forest employees and the Ninemile pack string.

The nature of this program, combined with the location of Big Prairie, presented a unique opportunity. Because of the designation of "the Bob" as a wilderness, no power tools or vehicles could be used. Everything had to be brought in, making pack strings invaluable to the project. The Ninemile pack string made a total of nine round trips into Big Prairie, bringing in tools, materials and supplies that were a vital part of the restoration before proceeding to other support roles in the wilderness.

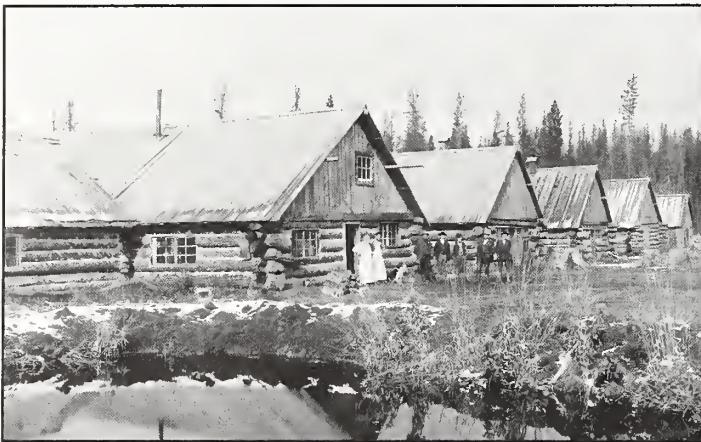
The preservation crew (Cary King, Dale Swee, Bill Harris) and crew leader spent 18 days on the project. Max Lauder worked five days with the crew and Menno Troyer, facilities manager for the Spotted Bear and Hungry Horse Ranger Districts, remained for the duration. All utilized hand tools, incorporating innovative techniques in restoring historic "extended chopper-cut" rafter tails. The roof was reshingled to historical specifications and improper caulking was removed.

This project became more than just another standard historical restoration. Due to guidelines and sheer necessity, the historical renovation of the Big Prairie's bunkhouse took place exactly the same way it would have been done 55 years ago, "by the sweat of a brow and the bray of a mule."

Rising from the Ashes

by Kristin Whisenand, Archaeological Technician
Lolo National Forest

It's amazing how quickly the past is forgotten. The Big Blackfoot logging camp at Seeley Lake, constructed in 1906, housed 200 men. Their job—logging one of the first Forest Service timber sales. Life was hard and dangerous. The logs were cut in the winter with crosscut saws then hauled by horses onto the ice of Seeley Lake. When the ice melted, the logs were floated over 40 miles to the Anaconda Company mill in Bonner.



Big Blackfoot logging camp, October 1908

In 1911, only five years after it was built, the camp was dismantled, abandoned, and forgotten until 1978 when it was rediscovered by a Forest Service archaeologist during a routine survey for a planned timber sale.

From July 20-31, staff of the Lolo National Forest excavated parts of the camp with the help of volunteers from as far away as Alaska and Illinois who ranged in occupation from junior high school students to engineers, school teachers, forest rangers, and other archaeologists. The excavation was part of Passport in Time (PIT), a national volunteer program that offers an educational and recreational opportunity for volunteers. Volunteer Addrien Marx, of Seeley Lake commented that "locals view it as the Forest Service taking an interest in the local history and "giving back something that will be viewed for years to come." Illinois school teacher Jan Rothberg is excited to be able to take her new experience and understanding of archaeology back to the classroom to share with her students.

The Big Blackfoot camp excavation is the only excavation that has been done on an historic logging camp in the state and therefore permits a rare glimpse of logging camps as they actually existed in Montana. Although old photos show rows of log buildings, to the casual observer nothing appears to have survived of the structures. But with metal detectors, the archaeologist and volunteers trace the outlines of buildings by the nails from the floors. Test pits are carefully dug with trowels to reveal the remains of the blacksmith's forge, with a layer of ash and cinders over a foot thick. In the ashes are burnt horsehoe nails, wire, and pieces of broken logging equipment and harness metal. In the remains of another building is an old whiskey bottle which may have originally been hidden under the floor. Drinking, even when off duty, was grounds for firing in the old camps.

Today the camp is crossed by a mountain bike and cross-country ski trail. With the information gathered through the PIT project, interpretive signs will be put up on the trail to give bikers and skiers a glimpse of Seeley Lake's history.



In Search of the Mother Lode

by Connie Reid, Archaeologist
Kootenai National Forest

The "Yahk" (old spelling) Mining District, located in the Three Rivers Ranger District, was part of a mining boom in the 1890's. During that year over 2,000 people poured into the small town of Sylvanite in the remote Yaak River drainage. They built homes and tunneled into the hills in search of gold.

Within a year their dreams of riches had withered and the town died. In 1910 the area began to flourish again only to be burned to the ground during the 1910 fire. Residents fled their homes, leaving most of their belongings behind. A third and final boom occurred in the 1930's. Some of the structures from that period are still standing today.

Forest Service archaeologists felt that the events were important to the initial development of northwestern Montana and deserved further research. So, from August 17-28 they conducted an excavation of the site, with the help of volunteers who were part of a cultural resource program called Passport in Time (PIT).

After instruction on archaeological methodology, volunteers helped excavate the remains of an 1890's/1930's boarding house, an 1890's dump, a 1910 residence, a 1910 blacksmith shop, and a 1930's residence. A prehistoric site was located beneath the 1910-era structures. Since little has been written about that time period, these remains tell many stories and are the primary source of information about what life was like during the early years in the Yaak Valley.

PIT volunteers rotated between the field and the field lab located at the old Sylvanite Ranger Station. At the field lab artifacts were cleaned, re-bagged, labeled, and analyzed. Several thousand artifacts were found, including numerous period bottles (beverage, medicinal, and perfume) and metal cans, cast iron stove parts, household objects, butchered bones, toys, jewelry, mining implements, and hardware



Yaak PIT crew, first week, August 1992

reflecting the architectural design of the structures.

This winter Kootenai Forest archaeologists will analyze the data and prepare a report which will state what the artifacts reveal about past lifestyles. Information gained from this project will give a more complete understanding of the history of mining communities in northwest Montana and help Forest archaeologists better manage the other sites within the mining district. The artifacts and information they provide will become part of an effort to interpret the history of the Yaak Valley for the local community and Forest visitors.

Over 200 people visited the dig site and lab during the six days the project was open to the public, demonstrating that even in an area as remote as the Yaak River Valley, there is a tremendous public interest in the history contained on Forest Service lands.

Restoring the Land in the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness

by Mel Fowlkes, Resource Technician
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The Seven Lakes area of the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness, a special place to many visitors for a lot of years, is undergoing a face lift. The area has been heavily impacted in the past by recreation stock and often by visitors who were not familiar with low impact camping techniques. Damage to trees and vegetation by tethered stock is especially noticeable.

Six high school student volunteers of Student Conservation Association, Inc., spent five weeks at Seven Lakes with their leader, Vickie Hartman, getting the restoration project started. The Student Conservation Association is a national volunteer organization designed to give young people experience in environmental education. They specialize in construction, maintenance and restoration projects which serve the needs of resource management agencies.

Lochsa Ranger District personnel will continue various phases of the project throughout the fall and succeeding years to bring the area closer to the desired future condition. Work on the project will include rerouting sections of Forest Service Trail No. 220 further from the lakes, transplanting trees and shrubs, planting grass seed in bare soil areas and installing erosion control barriers.



The student volunteers. Their leader, Vickie Hartman, is second from right

Clearwater Forest Supervisor Win Green has implemented several special orders to facilitate the restoration. The restrictions include: the closure of all grazing prior to September 15, the closure of ten campsites where restoration work has started, the containment of stock only at designated day-use or overnight sites, using highlines or other non-damaging methods, and the restriction of overnight use to a party size not to exceed 10 people and 10 head of stock.

In Memoriam

Jason Brouillette, 17, a student at Trapper Creek Job Corps Center, died October 11 at the center. Brouillette came to Trapper Creek in March from Aurora, Colorado. He was enrolled in the welding program.

Peter Cosmo, 92, of St. Maries, died September 10. Born in Norway, Cosmo moved to the United States in 1920. He formerly worked for the Forest Service, retiring in 1967.

Howard L. Compton, 74, died September 15 in Kennewick, Washington. Born in Buffalo Springs, North Dakota, Compton moved to Kalispell in 1956 where he worked for the Forest Service as a civil engineering technician until his retirement in 1978.

Otto H. Ost, 70, died September 18 in Tillamook, Oregon. Ost worked for the Helena and Nez Perce National Forests, and the R-I Regional Office.

Dorothy A. Roth, of Missoula, died October 4. She was 75. Roth attained permanent status with the Forest Service in 1964 as a clerk stenographer with the Intermountain Station in Missoula. She retired on disability in October 1976.



Found your car yet, Ed?

Spotlight

Ed Bringenberg

From: Brooklyn, New York

Profession: Forestry Technician-Timber Sale Preparation, Superior Ranger District, Lolo National Forest.

How I got here from there: It's a sordid story—you've heard it all before. After attending two years of college in New York state, I had enough of the hustle and bustle of the East Coast and decided to escape to the Northwest. I finished my final two years of undergraduate school at the University of Idaho and the rest is history.

What my job REALLY is: Carrying out the field-going operations of a timber sale that results in giving timber purchasers an appraised market value and board foot volumes for timber being sold by the Forest Service.

Best part of the job is: Timber cruising—taking timber measurements for the purpose of determining board foot volume and value—and teaching timber cruising to others.

Favorite place in the world: Glacier National Park.

Hobbies: For starters, I am very interested in individual sports (but only have moderate abilities—it's an aging thing you know). Specifically, long distance running, hiking and backpacking, mountain and road biking, swimming (currently floundering), ice skating, alpine and Nordic skiing, and snowshoeing. I also enjoy playing soccer and basketball (I'm much more coordinated at the former).

I love to travel, go out to eat (as frequently as my budget allows), dance to rock and roll, lay back and listen to classical music with or without a good book, building construction, and whenever I can fit it in—relax. I am involved with coaching men and women with special needs in track and field and Nordic skiing and also Habitat for Humanity of Missoula.

People I wish I had met: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Dream Vacation: Hiking the Swiss Alps.

Aspiring job: To be an educator.

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Personnel Update

BEAVERHEAD NATIONAL FOREST

AWARDS & PROMOTIONS

CHRISTENSEN, SHERRY, personnel clerk (typing), support services clerk
KAMINSKI, TIMM, wildlife biologist, Dillon RD, biologist, Targhee NF, SO

BITTERROOT NATIONAL FOREST

AWARDS & PROMOTIONS

BOLTON, JOY, archaeologist, SO, RO spot award
BRADLEY, EVE, information receptionist, Stevensville RD, cash award
CALLATINE, KIM, forestry aid, West Fork RD, cash award
CARLSON, LARRY, forestry technician, Stevensville RD, belt buckle award FERGUSON, FRANK, forestry technician, Sula RD, cash award
GUINARD, TIMOTHY, forestry technician, Sula RD, cash award
HENDERSON, ROGER, acting administrative officer, cash & belt buckle award
JENNE, LISA, forestry aid, Sula RD, cash award
LEAR, MIKE, forestry technician, Sula RD, group award
LOKKER, BOB, forester, West Fork RD, cash award
MOODY, KATHY, forestry technician, West Fork RD, cash award
NIELSON, ROD, work program officer, Trapper Creek CCC, promotion
PETTIT, SANDRA, forestry technician, Sula RD, cash award
SAVOKHKA, EVELYN, forestry technician, Darby RD, cash award
SCHREIBER, WINNIE, forester, Darby RD, Regional Forester's Award for Civil Rights
SNYDER, PAUL, hydrological technician, Stevensville RD, belt buckle award
SPENCER, JANET, forestry technician, Sula RD, cash award
WILDEY, RANDY, forestry technician, Sula RD, group award & cash award
WELDON, LESLIE, acting district ranger, Stevensville RD, cash award & promotion, district ranger
YORK, JIM, forestry technician, Sula RD, group award and cash award
ZIKAN, DOUG, forestry technician, Sula RD, group award and cash award

REASSIGNMENTS/TRANSFERS

GRANT, ROY, forest engineer, SO, reassignment, administrative officer/forest engineer
SMITH, EDDIE, supervisory social services assistant, Trapper Creek CCC, reassignment, custodian, SO

CUSTER NATIONAL FOREST

AWARDS & PROMOTIONS

ANDERSON, ROBERT S., cash award, range technician, Grand River RD
AUGARE, JUDY K., cash award, forestry technician, Sioux RD
BAKEN, CHRISTINE L., spot award, forestry technician, Beartooth RD
BAKER, GERARD, assistant district ranger, Beartooth RD, temporary promotion, district ranger, Asland RD
BARNETT, PHIL, cash award, forestry technician, Sioux RD
BASHOR, CHERI, range conservationist, cash award & temporary promotion, deputy forest supervisor, SO
BASSETT, DEAN, spot award, supervisory civil engineering technician, SO
BENSON, KATHY, spot award, contract specialist, SO
BISHOP, NORMAN G., cash award, lead forestry technician, Medora RD
CHARTIER, BLAKE B., spot award, forestry technician, Beartooth RD
CLARK, JOHN R., cash award, forester, Sioux RD
CORDELL, BOBBY, cash award, forestry technician, Sioux RD
DIBENEDETTO, JEFFREY P., cash award, ecologist, SO
DILULO, BLASE A., spot award, Beartooth RD
ELMORE, ALLEN, cash award, forestry technician, Sioux RD
ELMORE, BRENT, cash award, forestry technician, Sioux RD
ELMORE, SCOTT, cash award, forestry aid, Sioux RD
FOLI, GARY L., promotion, wildlife biologist, McKenzie RD
GONZALES, SHERYL, computer specialist, temporary promotion, administrative officer, SO
GREYEAGLE, BENEDICT M., cash award, range technician, Grand River RD
GRINDE, CYNTHIA, cash award, support services supervisor, Medora RD
HAASE, MARY, cash award, support services specialist, Grand River RD
HEISNER, FRANK E., cash award, forester, Medora RD
HOGAN, DANIEL W., spot award, forestry technician, Beartooth RD
HOUSER, DOROTHY J., spot award, forestry technician, Beartooth RD
JONES, TERRILL C., spot award, range conservationist, Beartooth RD
KOMBEREC, THOMAS, wildlife biologist, Ashland RD, promotion, R-3, Apache-Sitgreaves NF, Chevelon RD
KRIMMER, WALTER T., cash award, forestry technician, Beartooth RD
KURTZ, WILLIAM M., cash award, archeologist, Medora RD
LACKNER, KELLY, cash award, forestry technician, Sioux RD
MARTIN, ELVIRA A., cash award, information assistant, Medora RD
McCANN, ANGELA, cash award, forestry technician, Sioux RD
MYERS, WILLIAM R., cash award, range conservationist, Sioux RD
ODEGAARD, LOUISE, deputy forest supervisor, SO, temporary promotion, forest supervisor, R-9, Shawnee NF
O'DELL, CHARLES, cash award & promotion, range technician, Sioux RD
PETERS, ANN E., cash award, accounting technician, SO
PHILLIPS, KEN D., spot award, civil engineering technician, SO
SANDBAK, DENNIS J., cash award, forester, Sioux RD
SHULTZ, RITA A., cash award, computer assistant, SO
SMITH, MAYNARD D., cash award & spot award, purchasing agent, SO
SPEER, ANN, office automation clerk, temporary promotion, accounting technician, SO
TARTER, MARY, cash award, forestry technician, Sioux RD
TEIGEN, MARILYN, cash award, forestry aid, Sioux RD
TOMAC, JEFFREY, cash award, student trainee (range conservationist), Grand River RD
TURBIVILLE, GAIL, cash award, support services specialist, Sioux RD
URICH, MELANIE, personnel assistant, SO, promotion, equal employment specialist, R-9, Superior NF
STOWELL, LINDA, cash award, Bozeman RD
SWAIN, STEVE, career promotion, operations
WYTANIS, JOHN, career promotion, forester, Livingston RD
YOUNG, DIXIE L., cash award, accounting technician, 50
WALKER, DON, cash award, forestry aid, Sioux RD
WALTOS, ARIJS, promotion, secretary (OA) to information assistant, 50
WARK, ROD D., spot award, forestry technician, Beartooth RD
WARWICK, DONA, cash award, forestry technician, Sioux RD
WHITE, LEROY, cash award, planner, SO
WOLF, CARL E., cash award, forester, SO

REASSIGNMENTS/TRANSFERS

LEWIS, JOANN, accounting technician, 50, transfer, forestry technician, BLM
OLSON, TERRY, reassignment, forestry technician, Beartooth RD to SO

FLATHEAD NATIONAL FOREST

AWARDS & PROMOTIONS

BARTON, RALPH, purchasing agent, Swan Lake RD, cash award
BROWN, BETTY, accounting technician, SO, promotion, resource assistant
CROW, MARDI, resource accounting technician, Swan Lake RD, cash award
DAHLGREN, GARY, supervisory forester, SO, certificate of appreciation
DOCHERTY, RACHEL, forestry technician, career promotion
VAN EIMEREN, PATRICIA, information assistant, Swan Lake RD, certificate of appreciation
VANATTA, RON, supervisory civil engineer, Northern Region Managerial Engineer of the Year

REASSIGNMENTS/TRANSFERS

GRANRUD, KEITH, forestry technician, Hungry Horse RD, reassignment, Glacier View RD
MANAGHAN, LOIS, support services supervisor, Hungry Horse RD, reassignment, resource assistant, SO
ROBERTSON, LORRAINE, lands and recreation clerk, SO, reassignment

GALLATIN NATIONAL FOREST

AWARDS & PROMOTIONS

BLASEG, PAULETTE, cash award, Bozeman RD
RUCHMAN, JANE, career promotion, landscape
STOWELL, LINDA, cash award, Bozeman RD
SWAIN, STEVE, career promotion, operations
WYTANIS, JOHN, career promotion, forester, Livingston RD

REASSIGNMENTS/TRANSFERS

BENES, STAN, District Ranger, Hiawatha NF, reassignment, District Ranger, Hebgen Lake RD
BEARD, RITA, Range Conservationist, Livingston RD, reassignment, SO

RESIGNATIONS

WIDNER, GREG, hydrologist, SO

HELENA NATIONAL FOREST

AWARDS & PROMOTIONS

BUTTRAM, ANNA, forestry technician, Helena RD, cash award
CHRISTENSEN, CHRIS, forestry technician, Helena RD, cash award
COLE, LARRY, forester, Helena RD, cash award
CRON, JEFF, forestry technician, Helena RD, cash award
CULP, STEVE, forestry technician, SO, cash award
EDWARDS, LARRY, forestry technician, Helena RD, cash award
GRUPENHOFF, DOUG, biological technician, Lincoln RD, promotion
KAISER, JACK, hydrological technician, SO, cash award
MACLEAN, VICKIE, range technician, Helena RD, cash award
PAYNE, DAVE, forester, Helena RD, cash award
TURNER, DAVE, forestry technician, Helena RD, cash award

IDAHO PANHANDLE NATIONAL FORESTS

NEW EMPLOYEES

LOPER, RITA, purchasing agent, SO

AWARDS & PROMOTIONS

ALLEN, ALLISON, forestry technician, promotion, Priest Lake RD
AVERY, CLIFFORD, quality step increase, St. Maries RD
BEACH, WILLIAM, cash award, St. Maries RD
BOLDT, CAT, computer assistant, promotion, Priest Lake RD
DIRKS, DONNA, computer assistant, promotion, Priest Lake RD
DUNN, WILLIAM, promotion, cartographic specialist, engineer, SO
ERAMIAN, ARAM, supervisory forester, promotion, forester, Coeur d'Alene Nursery
HARRIS, GARY, forestry technician, promotion, Sandpoint RD
KOLE, DONALD, cash award, Avery RD
LAVERDURE, MARIE, biological technician, promotion, Coeur d'Alene Nursery
LOGSDON, HENRY, promotion, computer specialist, Wallace RD
MONTGOMERY, JOHN, cash award, St. Maries RD
NEILL, AMBER, student trainee (forestry), promotion, Bonners Ferry RD
SKRANAK, JAMES, promotion, forestry technician, St. Maries RD
STOCK, CHARLES, promotion, wildlife biologist, Wallace RD
SUAREZ, RENE, coop student (computer science/telecommunications specialist), SO
SULLIVAN, SUSAN, biological technician (plants), promotion, Coeur d'Alene Nursery
SWEENEY, KIM, forestry technician, promotion, Priest Lake RD
WRIGHT, JOANN, biological technician (plants), promotion, Coeur d'Alene Nursery

REASSIGNMENTS/TRANSFERS

CURTIS, LARRY, biological aid, reassignment, Coeur d'Alene Nursery
HALLEN, DAVE, supervisory contract specialist, Sierra NF, reassignment, SO
NACCARATO, ROBERTA, office automation clerk, reassignment, civilian pay clerk, Priest Lake RD
SAVAGE, CAROLYN, payroll clerk, reassignment, civilian pay clerk, Sandpoint RD
PAULEY, GEORGE, wildlife biologist, Fisher River RD, resignation

KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST

AWARDS & PROMOTIONS

CLARK, EMOGENE, resource clerk, cash award, Rexford RD
CUMMINGS, CINDY, resource clerk, cash award, Three Rivers RD
CUMMINGS, JUDITH, support services supervisor, cash award, Three Rivers RD
DAVIS, KONI, business management clerk, cash award, Three Rivers RD
DEXTER HOMMEL, CONNIE, forestry technician, cash award, Three Rivers RD
FRENCH, SANDRA, purchasing agent, cash award, Three Rivers RD
GAUGER, DELLORA, public information assistant, qsi, Fortine RD
HILT, BILLY, forestry technician, Cabinet RD, promotion

Personnel Update

HULSLANDER, LORING, supervisory forester, cash award, Fortine RD
 JOHNSON, LYNN, wildlife biologist, cash award, Fortine RD
 LEVESQUE, BARBARA, forester, Three Rivers RD, promotion, forester, R-4, Salmon NF
 LIND, RITA, purchasing agent, cash award, Three Rivers RD
 MEYER, LINDA, information receptionist, cash award, SO
 MOHAR, KATHY resource technician, cash award, Three Rivers RD
 NIXON, KRISTEN, support services supervisor, cash award, Fortine RD
 PARK, JERRY, forester, cash award, SO
 SCHWEGEL, THEORA, information receptionist, cash award, Fortine RD
 SHIRA, MICHAEL, forester, cash award, Three Rivers RD
 STUMP, KEN, forestry technician, Cabinet RD, promotion, supervisory forestry technician, Nez Perce NF
 TINCER, JANET, time and leave clerk, cash award, Fortine RD
 VESSAR, MARC, biological technician, cash award, Rexford RD
 WEBSTER, CHARLIE, forester, cash award, Fortine RD

NEW EMPLOYEES

MARTIN, LEANN, student trainee, Clearwater NF, career conditional appointment, forester, Fisher River RD
REASSIGNMENTS/TRANSFERS
 PERRY, PATRICIA, purchasing agent, Fortine RD, conversion, office automation clerk, R-6, Walla Walla Whitman
RESIGNATIONS
 PAULEY, GEORGE, wildlife biologist, Fisher River RD

LEWIS & CLARK NATIONAL FOREST

PROMOTIONS & AWARDS

FINNEGAN, PATRICK, spot award, Rocky Mountain RD
 GARDNER, ROBERT, spot award, Kings Hill RD
 HANSEN, DONALD, spot award, Rocky Mountain RD
 HORN, KAREN, spot award, Rocky Mountain RD
 HORN, TIMOTHY, spot award, Rocky Mountain RD
 MORRIS, SANDRA, spot award, Rocky Mountain RD
 NEWTON, RICHARD, cash and spot awards, SO
 WHITE, SYDNEY, cash award, SO

LOLO NATIONAL FOREST

AWARDS & PROMOTIONS

BEKKALA, PAUL L., cash award, forestry technician, Superior RD
 BORGE, LILA, cash award, biological technician, Plains RD
 BRENNAN, RUTH, cash award, forestry technician, Ninemile RD
 BURNETT, CHARLES, cash award, forestry technician, Ninemile RD
 CAPPS, DAN A., cash award, forestry technician, Superior RD
 CARROLL, ROBERT, cash award, supervisory forestry technician, Missoula RD
 CASSIDY, KERRY, cash award, lead forestry technician, Missoula
 CHILDRESS, MARCUS M., cash award, forester, Plains RD
 COMBO, MICHAEL J., cash award, forestry technician, Missoula RD
 COPP, KORI L., cash award, office automation clerk, Plains RD
 EKSTROM, MARK D., cash award, lead forestry technician, Missoula
 FARR, ANGELA K., cash award, personnel specialist, SO
 GALLI-NOBLE, ELIZABETH, cash award, forestry technician, Plains
 GILLINGHAM, WADE, cash award, forestry technician, Ninemile RD
 HAAS, KARI J., cash award, administrative officer, Plains RD
 HAAS, KARI, cash award, administrative officer, Plains RD
 HAMILTON, JOHN, cash award, forestry technician, Plains RD
 JACOBSEN, KIM, cash award, tour guide, Missoula RD
 JANUS, JOSEPH J., cash award, forestry aid, Missoula RD
 JOB, DEBORAH P., cash award, forestry technician, Missoula RD
 JOHNSON, CAROLE A., cash award, forestry technician, Superior RD
 KESTING, ROGER L., cash award, supervisory forester, Superior RD
 KOPP, STANLEY, cash award, supervisory forestry technician, Missoula RD
 LANGSTON, LIBBY J., cash award, forestry technician, Missoula RD
 LAUREN, SANDRA A., cash award, office automation clerk, Missoula RD
 LAWRENCE, BRIAN S., cash award, lead forestry technician, Missoula RD
 LINDGREN, ROGER A., cash award, supervisory forester, Superior RD
 LYNN, GARY D., cash award, forestry technician, Missoula RD
 MALATARE, JOHN W., cash award, forestry technician, Missoula RD
 MALONE, DENNIS, cash award, supervisory forestry technician, Seeley Lake RD
 MALONEY, HOLLY, cash award, lead forestry technician, Missoula RD
 MCPHERSON, TAMMY, cash award, resource clerk, Seeley Lake RD
 MEADOWS, RENTIA, cash award, forestry technician, Ninemile RD
 MERWIN, SONDRY, cash award, forestry technician, Missoula RD
 MILLER, M. JOHN, cash award, tour guide, Missoula RD
 MONACO, ANGIE, cash award, personnel assistant, SO
 MORGAN, DAVID J., cash award, forestry technician, Superior RD
 NELSON, MICHELE R., cash award, lead forestry technician, Missoula RD
 O'CONNOR, PATRICIA M., cash award, wildlife biologist, Plains RD
 OGDEN, RONALD G., cash award, forestry technician, Seeley Lake RD
 DOLSEN, GARTH E., cash award, forestry technician, Missoula RD
 PROCIOUS, GRET A., cash award, forestry aid, Missoula RD
 RAMIREZ, DAVID J., cash award, fire operations supervisor, Ninemile RD
 RIHA-FOX, CONNIE, cash award, forester, Missoula RD
 SELI, ROBERT C., cash award, supervisory forester, Plains RD
 SHAFFER, KAREN, cash award, forester, Seeley Lake RD
 SHEETS, KAREN, cash award, forestry technician, Plains RD
 SHOEN, ELIZABETH, cash award, forestry technician, Ninemile RD
 SLOAN, LARRY, cash award, forestry technician, Ninemile RD
 SMITH, WANDA P., cash award, forestry technician, Ninemile RD
 STALEY, KANDI T., cash award, forestry technician, Plains RD
 SUPER, ROBERT W., cash award, forestry technician, Superior RD
 SVALBERG, LARRY A., cash award, supervisory forester, Plains RD
 TEETERS, GLEN, cash award, forestry technician, Ninemile RD
 TOMPKINS, TERRY, cash award, forestry technician, Ninemile RD
 TUPPER, DAVID A., cash award, supervisory forester, Plains RD
 WAITE-HUDIBURGH, VIRGINIA, cash award, forestry technician, Missoula RD
 WALETZKO, MICK T., cash award, forestry technician, Missoula RD
 WARD, DAVID, cash award, forestry technician, Ninemile RD
 WILLIAMS, BYRON E., cash award, civil engineer technician, SO

NEW EMPLOYEES

PETERSON, KAREN, career conditional, office automation clerk, Seeley Lake RD
REASSIGNMENTS/TRANSFERS

BARCLAY, ERIC, supervisory civil engineer, R-10, reassignment, West Engineering Zone, Superior RD
 NACHITIGAL, JOSEPH, forestry technician, BLM-Alaska, reassignment, Ninemile RD
 SMYERS, NORMAN B., geologist, reassignment, Custer NF, SO

NEZ PERCE NATIONAL FOREST

AWARDS & PROMOTIONS

BARLOW, DENNIS, forestry technician, Red River RD, promotion
 BROGAN, JIM, forestry technician, Salmon River RD, promotion
 GREEN, PATRICIA, soil scientist, SO, promotion
 GREGG, ERIC, forestry technician, Salmon River RD, promotion
 MULLINIX, DARYL, civil engineer, SO, special act award
 NORWOOD, KEVIN, forestry technician, Selway RD, special act award
 RASMUSSEN, EUGENE, forester, Selway RD, special act award

REASSIGNMENT

FANTINI, JOHN, forester, Tahoe NF, reassignment, Clearwater RD

Retirement News

Gerald "Jerry" Franc, retired on August 8 after 37 years with the Forest Service. Since 1962, Franc has been involved in tree improvement in Region 1, beginning with the Clearwater National Forest where he



Jerry Franc

played a role in selecting blister rust-resistant candidate white pine trees. In 1981, he became the Regional selective breeding specialist, his duty station being the Forestry Sciences Lab in Moscow, Idaho. He remained at this position until his retirement.

Franc has many publications to his credit, including plans for the breeding of blister rust-resistant western white pine and the genetic improvement of four other species important in reforestation programs in the Northern Rockies. He also served in leadership positions in regional tree improvement associations, including chairman of the Western Forest Genetics Association.

Franc now works part-time for Northwest Management, Inc., managing a western white pine seed orchard in Moscow.

Blase DiLulo, 62, retired in September after 32 years with the Forest Service. The past 18 years, DiLulo served as a wilderness ranger for the Beartooth Ranger District, Custer National Forest. Previous positions include 25 years as a high school biology teacher, a high school football coach and athletic director. His initial job with the Forest Service was as a supervisor of trail construction in 1960 with the Beartooth Ranger District. For the past 18 years, he served as a wilderness ranger, which included developing educational programs dealing with such issues as camping in the wilderness.

DiLulo has won many awards for his work, including the Billings Gazette Award in 1979 for making a significant contribution to the quality of life in Montana as a wilderness ranger and runner-up in 1982 for the National Recreation Association's "Ranger of the Year Award." At his retirement party, he was presented with a rocking chair, "the only way to get him to sit down," stated Forest Service volunteer Dorothy Houser.

Other Retirements

Betty Brown, resource assistant, SO, Flathead NF

Paul Conrad, forester, SO, Flathead NF

Ray Keibler, forester, SO, Flathead NF

June Kreitler, supervisory accounting technician, SO, Kootenai NF

Larry Rintala, maintenance worker, Custer NF, Beartooth RD

Learning to Care for the Land

by Menn Pollworth, Information Assistant
Nez Perce National Forest



Every summer since 1988, the Nez Perce National Forest and the Nez Perce Tribe of Idaho have held an American Indian Youth Camp. The purpose of the camp is to provide 6th and 9th grade Native American students natural resource and environmental education and personal experiences in the forest. The program also provides these young people with some fun learning how to care for the land.

In September of 1992, Idaho Governor Cecil Andrus awarded the 1991 Native American Youth Camp the Take Pride in Idaho Award, Federal Agency Program category. About 60 youths participated in the camp, including 12 counselors and 31 instructors and volunteers. Counselors and instructors encouraged youths and demonstrated how to prepare themselves in making choices for their future.

Hats off to members of the Nez Perce Tribe and Nez Perce National Forest employees who invested long hours and hard work in the program.

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